

SENATE BILL 939

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 55, Chapter 21, relative to certain health providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106(7), is amended by adding the following words and punctuation between the word "physician" and the semi-colon:

, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 55-21-152. A nurse practitioner licensed under title 63, chapter 7, and a physician assistant licensed under title 63, chapter 19, shall have the same authority that a physician has under this part to issue certified statements of disability or deafness to accompany the application of disabled or deaf persons to obtain the appropriate registration, license plates, placards, and decals from the department, as described in this part.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.